

BIG RAILROAD LINES TO SEND TOURISTS TO ISLANDS

Agents to Meet the Wants of Travelers Have Been Put on Oceanic Company's Steamers Between This City and San Francisco.

The railroads of the mainland, and the Oceanic Steamship Company, acting in conjunction, have at last taken steps that bid Honolulu hope that the islands will soon begin to draw a share of the tourist business of California. And the railroads of the mainland, and the steamship companies are the great agencies that direct tourist travel. Tourists are but men,—and incidentally, women—and men are a good deal like sheep, in some ways. They go where they are sent, and where one goes many will follow.

This is philosophy, and beside the practical issue of the matter. The point is that the railroads and the Oceanic Steamship Company, a combination known as the A. & A. Line—which cabalistic letters mean American & Australian line—have at last begun to look to these islands as a good drawing card for their business, and when they do that they will build up the tourist travel to the islands. It is the railroads and the steamship companies of the mainland, with some help from intelligently directed local agencies, that have built up the tourist business of Southern California, and the tourist business of Southern California, in its turn, has built up great and prosperous cities. One hundred thousand tourists visited Los Angeles alone last winter, to the great profit of the railway lines centering there, and that one hundred thousand tourists probably spent a thousand dollars apiece, taking them as a whole. These are figures that begin to stagger the imagination.

The A. & A. combination embraces the Oceanic Steamship Company, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, the Union Pacific, the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Chicago & Northwestern, and the Chicago & Alton. Here is a combination of a great ocean line of steamers with five of the strongest railways in the United States, and if these take hold of the matter in dead earnest—as, in fact, they have done—then we may look with some confidence for the tide of tourist travel to begin to come our way with a rush that will add materially to the prosperity of this city and the territory, and that within a very short time indeed.

On the last Alameda there arrived in Honolulu Mr. Frank M. Jenifer, an energetic young man until recently employed in the passenger department of the Santa Fe railway, whose official title is "Passenger Agent" for the A. & A. line, but whose real business is the direction of tourist travel to and from these islands. Mr. Jenifer is the first one of a group of similar agents who will be sent out, and he proposes to get pretty well acquainted with Honolulu and the islands, because his business, in future, will keep him on the run between San Francisco and Honolulu, as other agents will be kept. In effect, his duties will be to travel on the steamers of the Oceanic line, and to be a sort of bureau of miscellaneous information for the passengers on the line, both as to matters on the islands and on the mainland. He will route the through passengers from the Colonies across the American continent, will take up and exchange their through tickets both to the east and to Europe, will give them all information as to interesting side trips on the mainland—to Yosemite, Santa Barbara, the Yellowstone, and where not—and will see that they land in San Francisco as thoroughly posted as to what is the proper thing to do as it is possible for a tourist to be. There will be three of these tourist agents in the employ of the company, and one will come down to Honolulu on every trip of the Alameda, meet the through steamer here and go back to the Coast in her. It will be the duty of the agent coming down to post tourists about the points of interest on the islands—to which end the local tourist men will probably bestir themselves somewhat—and meeting the through steamers here devote themselves on the return of the through boats to the needs of those passengers who want to see something of the best of America en route to Europe.

The position is similar in quality to that filled by the tourist agents on the trains of the various overland roads on the mainland but the duties will be somewhat wider and the men filling the positions will necessarily be men of more class in their business. In fact, there is some competition for the positions among the bright men of the several companies interested—or was, for the agents are all no doubt selected by this time. Mr. Jenifer, the first of them, will go up to the coast on the Sonoma, and the man who is to be second appointee is to come down on the next Alameda, to meet the next boat in turn.

This is the first time that a movement has been made in the way of the intelligent direction of tourist travel to the islands, or from the colonies, nevertheless it is not an experiment. The same thing has been done on the mainland, and it is bound to be successful. When its success begins to appear, naturally the other great transcontinental roads will want to break in. And they will send out tourist agents, too, and there will be tourist excursions organized and, presently, that reduction in fares that always has followed keen competition for a trade of this character. Honolulu, as a matter of fact, is thus for the first time put on the tourist's map.

NEW TWO CENT STAMPS GOING OUT.

Local philatelists should make haste to collect the new 2-cent stamps. They are to be withdrawn soon, because of a defect in the portrait of Washington. When the stamps were first printed, the nose of the Father of His Country was seen to be of a fiery-red hue, and the whole face of the man resembled that of a rake of his time. The laurel leaves looked like banana and tobacco leaves, and there also seemed to be an overdose of reading matter on the stamp. These points were picked out by the enemies of the sticker, and as a result there will be a new design engraved.

It was at first supposed that the reason for the carmine tint of the great General's nose was due to the fact that the first printings were made with an overabundance of carmine ink, and that after the workmen had become used to the new plates, they would be able to regulate the ink supply more accurately. With this proposed diminution of ink it was also supposed that the red nose would disappear. But not so. Experiments were made with a smaller quantity of ink, but with no success. The nose still remained red. The laurel leaves still looked like bananas, and the engravers decided that nothing short of re-engraving could make matters better. That is what will be done.

Strike Orders Disobeyed.

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—The Union ordered a street car strike today. Only twelve crews obeyed and the attempt was a fiasco.

BOARD OF HEALTH PAU

Present Body Is Wiped Out by Law.

The Board of Health held no meeting yesterday and it is hardly likely that the board as at present constituted will ever meet again unless it is to close up the business still in hand.

The Kaohi bill "to reorganize the Board of Health" as signed wipes the present health body entirely out of existence. It does not even give them an opportunity to resign, but creates a new board in the place of the one now acting. The executive officer is also done away with, and Dr. Pratt will have to be recommissioned under some new title in order to be able to carry on the business of the board.

The new law provides that the Board of Health shall consist of four laymen, two physicians and the Attorney-General. Even though Governor Dole should reappoint the present members of the board at least one change would have to be made, as there are now three medical men on the board. These are Dr. Cooper, Dr. Mays and Dr. Moore. The lay members are M. P. Robinson, E. A. Mott-Smith, F. C. Smith and Attorney-General Andrews, ex-officio.

"Are you going to resign?" was asked E. A. Mott-Smith yesterday, after he had said that the Board of Health had been wiped out of existence.

"Resign," he said. "We don't get a chance to resign. We are already paid. There will most probably have to be a meeting to reorganize, for one of the medical members will have to be dropped under the law. The president is also to be appointed by the Governor, and he is made a salaried officer, though there is no appropriation for this purpose."

There is some doubt now as to what status the Board of Health is in, as regards appropriations. The law as passed was not carefully drawn and many defects have been discovered, though it is a bill of less than two pages. There is no provision for tiding over the time between the taking effect of the act, which is immediately, and the beginning of the new biennial period. It is probable however that nominations of the present members of the Board will be sent to the Senate very shortly, so that there may be an immediate reorganization. Another important change in the law is the one which provides that the Legislature shall fix the salaries of all health officers, doctors and other employees of the Board of Health. Formerly there was a lump appropriation for government physicians and for expenses out of

WORKING ON TRANSPORTS

Secretary Helm Tries to Secure Stops.

Secretary Helm of the Merchants' Association is pushing the work of securing the stopping of the army transports here, on the way to and from the Philippines. He is now in San Francisco and is taking up the matter with the officers there. The officials of the Association here have been requested to furnish him with information, which it is thought will have good effect upon the officers of the quartermaster department.

Mr. Helm has seen Col. Duval, who is chief quartermaster in San Francisco, and the recommendation has been made that the matter be taken up with General Humphreys of the Department, who is expected to arrive in San Francisco soon. The committee of the Merchants' Association recently took up this matter, and then it was expected that Gen. Humphreys would pass through in the Sibiria, on his way back from the Philippines, but the letters received by the steamer of yesterday from Mr. Helm, lead to the belief that this course has been abandoned, and that the general is journeying in a transport.

The letter from Secretary Helm, received yesterday by the officers of the Association, asks for the prices of coal here, as that factor will be important in his bearing. It will make the trip three days longer this way, but the ships will be able to carry the greater amount of cargo.

DIARRHOEA is more to be dreaded than diphtheria. It attacks all ages and is equally fatal to young and old. The great mortality resulting from diarrhoea is due to the lack of proper treatment at the first stages of the disease. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is a reliable and effective medicine, and if given in time will prevent serious consequences. This remedy never fails and is pleasant to take. Every household should have a bottle at hand. Get it today. It may save a life. All Dealers and Druggists sell it. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

WAS COUNTY BILL FIXED?

Section . Inserted Though Not Passed.

Was the County bill "fixed" after it passed both houses of the legislature, and before it was submitted to Governor Dole for signature. Both houses agreed to leave out the House amendment requiring hackmen to have a knowledge of both the English and Hawaiian language, and to pass a separate bill, which was done, but yet the copy signed by the Governor contains the very clause which the conference committee agreed to omit.

Section 349, Chapter 56, relating to vehicles and drivers, is as follows:

"The Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff shall before any license is issued for any passenger vehicle, inspect the vehicle for which a license is requested and the harness and the animals to be used therewith, and if he shall find the same to be in good serviceable condition he shall deliver to the applicant therefor a certificate setting forth such fact, and the capacity of the vehicle. Such officer shall also examine any applicant for a driver's license and if he finds such applicant to be competent driver, AND ABLE TO READ AND WRITE THE ENGLISH OR HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE HE SHALL GIVE HIM A CERTIFICATE TO THAT EFFECT."

"No license shall be issued to any driver or for any passenger vehicle until the receipt by the Tax Collector of SUCH CERTIFICATE."

Both the original bill in the possession of the Governor and the copy of the bill in the Senate records contain this clause. The bill as passed by the Senate did not have any reference to the section as finally inserted, and the conference committee agreed to strike it from the House amendments. This subject was one of the points of difference between the Senate and the House and it was agreed in the conference that it should be omitted, the condition being that the Senate should pass the Hackmen's bill as it came from the House, and which contained the language qualification. This the Senate finally did. J. D. Avery, the clerk of the conference committee, said it had been agreed that this clause should be omitted and the same statement is made by members of the conference committee.

The conference committee report has no reference to the section referring to vehicle licenses, and though several changes are reported in the license chapter as agreed upon, there is not the slightest reference to the hackmen.

None of the members of the Legislature who were questioned knew exactly how the amendment had crept into the bill, though there was a unanimity of opinion that it had not been intended to pass the section as in the bill which was signed by Governor Dole.

LIBERAL AT LAST MOMENT

The Senate Unwilling to Leave Money Unspent.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Senate after talking economy for fifty-nine days of the session took on a liberal streak yesterday when it was found that the entire sum of \$25,000 appropriated for expenses had not been used up. Half of the balance of \$4,000 found to be still on hand was ordered divided up among the Senate employees, though the clerk got rather the best of it. The idea was that the Senate officials had been compelled to work at night, and so their compensation was almost doubled in some cases.

Senator Isenberg reported on the resolution regarding the pay of Senate officials saying there was a balance of \$4434.15 in the expense fund against which bills amounting to \$434.15 were outstanding, leaving a balance of \$4000.

The following distribution of this amount was recommended: For printing the journal, \$2,000; 40 days clerk services, \$400; 60 days for extra work at \$7.50 per day, \$450; Sergeant-at-Arms, 60 days, 1 dollar per day, \$60; Messenger, \$90; Assistant clerk, \$120; Janitor, \$60; Chaplain, \$90; Interpreter, \$120; stamps for Senators, \$20; incidentals, \$320; total, \$3790, leaving a balance of \$300. The report was adopted without dissent.

The twenty dollars set apart for stamps for Senators was invested immediately and a big bunch of twos was placed at each desk by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Senators Isenberg and McCandless divided their quota of the stamps between Kalaupokalani and Kaohi.

There was a small supply of Senate stationery left on hand and this also was distributed among Kalaupokalani, Kaohi and Kalae.

Looking After Licenses

The Republican Executive Committee is now busily engaged in looking over the list of applicants for beer licenses. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Atkinson and Winston was instructed to make a careful canvass of the applicants and report upon qualifications.

THE GOLDEN STATE IS CROWDED WITH ARMY OF EAGER HOME-SEEKERS

Twenty-Four Thousand of Them Have Arrived There Within the Last Ten Weeks.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Owing to the success of the methods used for advertising the advantages of California in the East, twenty four thousand colonists have entered the State in the last ten weeks.

VICTORIA, April 28.—Both Japan and Russia are making vigorous war preparations which include heavy purchases of supplies. Nine more Russian warships are at Port Arthur.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—President Harriman, who is in the city, says that Seattle, in competing for the Oriental trade, will have to meet four new Oriental steamers running from this port.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Britt got the decision over Fitzgerald in twenty rounds.

PALO ALTO, April 28.—There are two more cases of typhoid fever here and two deaths.

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 28.—Dr. George Doane Boardman, the well known clergyman and author of Philadelphia, died here today.

BASEBALL MEN TALK OVER PLANS FOR LEAGUE GROUNDS

The baseball men yesterday discussed at length the plans for the carrying through of the work for the baseball park, the advance made being such as to indicate a speedy carrying through of the plans for the grounds.

The Trustees met during the morning and drew up a tentative contract between that body and the League, which if ratified will furnish the basis for the adjustment of the monetary affairs during the life of the lease of the tract secured. The Trustees agree to furnish the land prepared for baseball use, with fences and grandstand, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. The Trustees will be empowered to collect all monies and will be charged with the duty of keeping everything about the grounds in good condition.

The League met later and heard the reports of President Isenberg as to the work performed. The contract was read over at length and a general discussion resulted. The sense of the meeting was that the percentage to be paid to the various clubs should be based upon an average estimate of the expenses of each. The meeting adjourned to Thursday afternoon, when the contract will be finally passed upon and definite arrangements for the season made.

President Isenberg, for the trustees, said that money had been secured by them at a low rate of interest, and under very favorable circumstances and that work would be pushed ahead at once.

ASHTON STRUGGLE BROUGHT TO CLOSE.

OAKLAND, April 20.—It developed today that Frank Ashton had disappeared for good with his little 5-year-old daughter, Leonie, and so far as any proceedings that may be instituted by Mrs. Ashton to recover her offspring goes, whatever victory she may gain will be a hollow one.

Mrs. Ashton applied today to Judge Greene for a modification of the original divorce decree so as to have the care of the child given into her custody. No one, however, was able to throw any light on where the child was or Ashton, and leave was granted to publish a summons.

Where Ashton has gone is a mystery, known only to a few, and they are not giving out the information. The withdrawal of the child from the storm center, however, promises to bring to a close a fierce struggle between the parents over the possession of their daughter. The famous Merry-Ashton love letters have now lost their materiality and unless they are used by Mrs. Merry in her divorce suit in the East will not be introduced as evidence.

ST. LOUIS FAIR IS BEING BROADENED.

Among the passengers in the Hongkong Maru are Mr. and Mrs. Goodman King, of St. Louis, who are on their way to the Orient for a short visit. Mr. King is a director of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, he visited the Executive Building and had interviews with several members. Mr. King said that the progress being made with the Exposition buildings was great and that every prospect was for the great show exceeding in interest and scope all the preceding fairs. The representation at the Exposition will be universal, and the list of the countries which have signified intention to take part includes every great power of the world. Mr. King expressed great satisfaction with the progress made so far in Hawaii and said that the authorities hoped to see a full display of island products and resources.

DELAY IN FIRE CLAIM PAYMENTS.

The plan to secure fire claimants willing to take up the bonds has resulted in failure. An effort was made both by Bishop & Co., and the Bank of Hawaii to buy up sufficient claims at ninety per cent to be able to take up the entire issue of \$326,000.

Most of the claimants were unwilling to accept the price offered so the banks gave up in disgust.

Secretary Carter said yesterday that there seemed little possibility of the bonds being taken up. The record is ready to be turned over to Mr. MacLennan, after a few corrections are made.

Mr. MacLennan will now probably arrange for the pro rata payment of the claims.